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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Takeo TANAAMI et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1744**

Application Number: **10/730,061**

Examiner: **William H. Beisner**

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For: **HYBRIDIZATION METHOD AND HYBRIDIZATION EQUIPMENT**

Attorney Docket Number: **032019**

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 8, 2007

Sir:

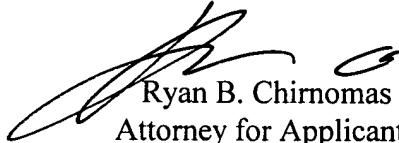
In response to the requirement for an election of species dated February 14, 2007, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species i), an apparatus including bow-shaped electrodes. It is believed that claim 7 (Figure 7) read on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

Response to Election of Species Requirement  
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
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